

MESSICK LOG HOUSE

AL-II-A-066

$\frac{1}{2}$ mile east of Wilson Road, Flintstone
ca. 1790

The Messick House was constructed in the late 18th century by Capt. George Robinette, an early settler of the Flintstone area. Although it has been covered with novelty siding, the house is a striking example of a log mansion with a massive outside end chimney constructed of slate. The house is in good condition and is an excellent example of an early dwelling in Allegany County.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Messick Log House was constructed in the late 18th century by Capt. George Robinette. Although it has been covered with novelty siding, the house is a striking example of a two story, log mansion with a massive outside end chimney. The house is part of a group of several buildings which provide an interesting study in upward mobility within a single family.

The Messick Log Mansion was the first and most primitive of the houses. The second, which was built by Moses Robinette is a frame farm house with a large, summer kitchen. While the third, which was built by George Tanner Robinette is a substantial brick home. All three were built within several miles of each other.

The house is in good condition and is an excellent example of an early dwelling in Allegany County.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Messick Log

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

 $\frac{1}{2}$ mile east of Wilson Road

CITY, TOWN

Flintstone

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES RESTRICTED☐ YES UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Howard Messick

Telephone #: 722-3936

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1

CITY, TOWN

Flintstone

☒ VICINITY OFSTATE, zip code
Maryland**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 265

Folio #: 539

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland, Md.

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Messick Log House is located $\frac{1}{2}$ mile east of Wilson Road, Flintstone, Allegany County.

The Messick House is a "T" shaped structure, two stories tall and three bays wide. The original building was constructed of logs but it has since been covered with novelty siding. The house rests on a low stone foundation that is a combination of sandstone and slate. Windows in the building are a combination of two over two and six over six lights in pegged double hung wooden sash frames. The main entrance is located on the southeast facade and features a verticle paneled door that is covered by a hip roofed porch. The porch is supported by square columns and brackets and was probably added in the late 19th century. The roof, which is covered with tin, is steeply gabled and includes a soffit. The east side of the house is dominated by an original massive stone outside end chimney that is constructed of slate.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 163 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson, Joan Baldwin & Steve Beale

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

11/5/76

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale

STATE

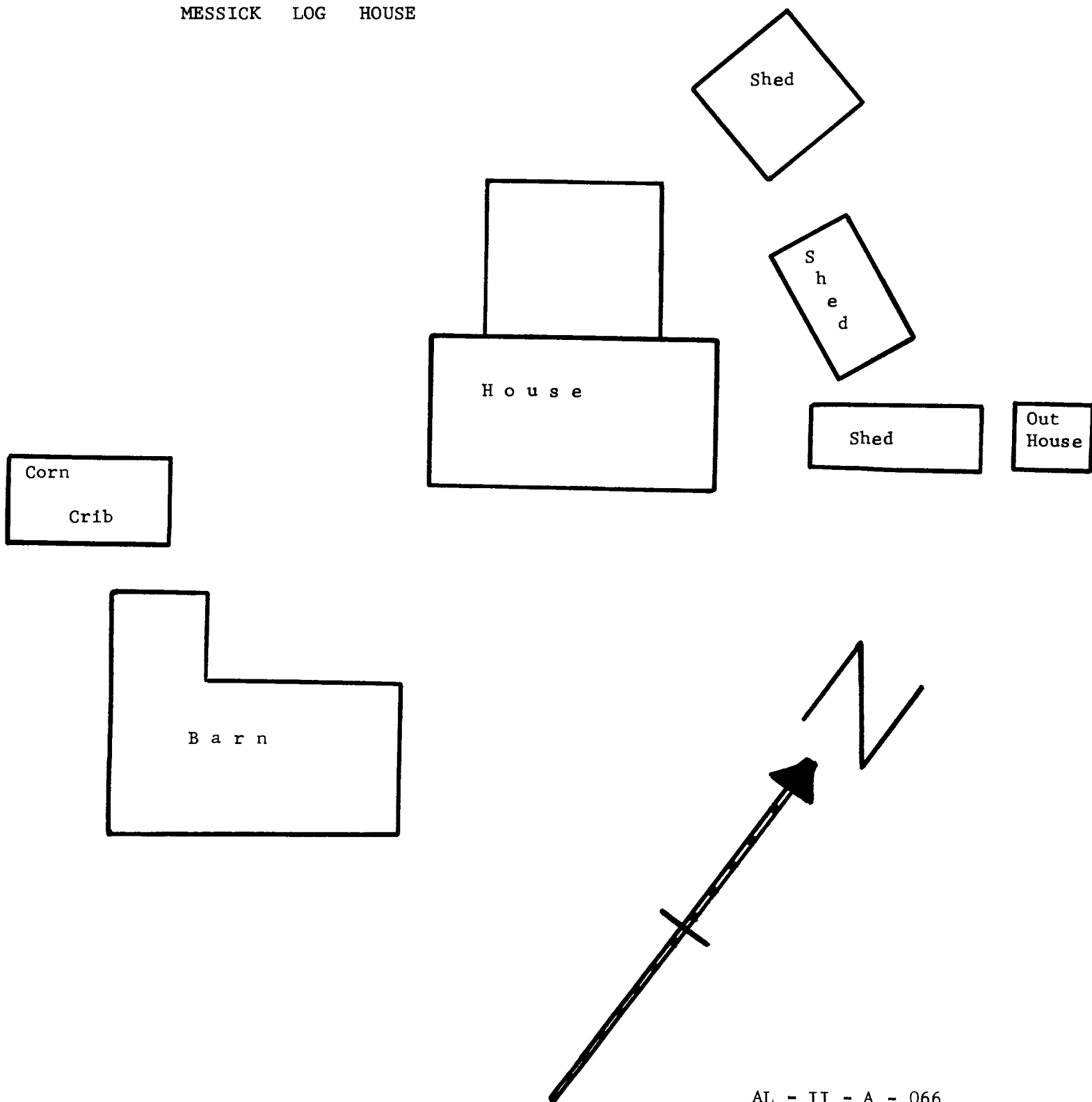
Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

MESSICK LOG HOUSE



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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

Breakneck Rd. Historic District

1. NAME	
COMMON:	Howard Messick Farm
AND/OR HISTORIC:	Capt. George Robinette Homestead

2. LOCATION	
STREET AND NUMBER: One-half mile from intersection of Breakneck & Wilson Rd. On Wilson Rd.	
CITY OR TOWN: Flintstone	
STATE: Maryland	COUNTY: Allegany

3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Pork <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY	
OWNER'S NAME: Howard and Anna Messick	
STREET AND NUMBER: Route 1, Wilson Road	
CITY OR TOWN: Flintstone	STATE: Maryland

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION	
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Allegany County Court House	
STREET AND NUMBER: Prospect Square	
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland	STATE: Maryland
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 265-539	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS	
TITLE OF SURVEY:	
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local	
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Captain George Robinette, Revolutionary War Soldier, built a log mansion type house on a stone foundation. The large log beams are visible in the basement. The mansion consisted of two rooms on the first floor, with a stairway to the two rooms on the second floor. The partition has been removed making the first floor into one large room with the original fireplace that has been refaced. The old stone chimney located on the outside of the house is still used. In the later part of the 19th Century an addition was added to the old log house - two rooms first floor, used for a kitchen and dining room, and two bedrooms and the second floor, and a back stairway to this upstairs section. Both the log house and the new addition were covered with german siding, a porch was added to the northside off the kitchen and dining area. The windows were all renewed. You will note from the old picture and the new ones taken today, that the house remains with the same appearance.

The original bank barn with the stone foundation remains. The frame of the barn was hand hewn, mortized and pegged.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☒ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☒ 19th Century**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Log - ca 1790 Addition Ca. 1870****AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**☐ Aboriginal☐ Education☐ Political☐ Urban Planning☐ Prehistoric☐ Engineering☐ Religion/Phi-☐ Other (Specify)☒ Historic☐ Industry

osophy

☒ Agriculture☐ Invention☐ Science☐ Architecture☐ Landscape☐ Sculpture☐ Art

Architecture

☐ Social/Human-☐ Commerce☐ Literature

itarian

☐ Communications☐ Military☐ Theater☐ Conservation☐ Music☐ Transportation**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

This farm architect shows the evolution of a log house into a late 19th Century (ca 1870) home. The log section was built by Capt. George Robinette, Revolutionary soldier, and willed to his son, William B. Robinette. Capt. Robinette, born 1750 died 1831, is buried in Green Meadows Cemetery; along with his son, William B. Robinette, born December 13, 1801.

This small valley represents the farm architect, farm life, and final resting place of a Revolutionary soldier and his descendants. It progresses from the architect of his log house, to his son, Moses G. Robinette's frame home, and his grandson, George Tanner Robinette's brick home. All these homes and farm land being part of the original owned by Capt. Robinette.

This is certainly significant to the Flintstone area, and is, to my knowledge the only one in Allegany County that exist. These farms are significant for their sociological values as land that has been virtually unchanged since the Revolutionary War period.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Court Records

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

160 acres - This farm should be preserved as a complete farm.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Helen S. Hinkle	
ORGANIZATION Allegany Cty Committee of the Md. Historical Trust	DATE 6/15/1975
STREET AND NUMBER: Box 228 Hinkle Road, Route 2	
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland	STATE Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

Allegany County Court - Deeds

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Capt. Geore Robinette of Nathan willed to his son William B. Robinette, son, Moses G. Robinette, and son, Jarius Robinette land - Liber A Folio 318 Will probated- August 12, 1831.

This land was divided and William B. Robinette's share was deeded to him. Liber 18 Folio 145-146 O dated June 8, 1859. William B. Robinette was deeded the land where the homestead stood. Moses G. Robinette built a home on his land.

William B. Robinette willed the Homestead Farm to his son, John Crum Robinette in his Will - Liber D Folio 64 - Probated October 29, 1872. In this will, he called it the Homestead Farm.

Eliza C. Robinette, widow of John Crum Robinette; Olive A. Smith and husband, Ira Dolp Smith; Maza R. Robinette, unmarried; and John R. Robinette, unmarried, all heirs of John Crum Robinette deeded the Homestead Farm to George R. Hughes Liber 156 Folio 477 - dated Oct. 14, 1927

George R. Hughes deed to Ira Dolph Smith and Olive A. Smith - Liber 156 Folio 478 - dated Oct. 14, 1927.

Ira D. Smith & Olive Smith to Hamilton E. Collier Liber 164 Folio 64 dated Aug. 30, 1930

Hamilton E. Collier, et al to Richard P. Shipley, et ux Liber 210 Folio 229 - 1946

Elwood R. Shipley to Howard V. Messiek, et ux Liber 265 Folio 539 - 1955
(son of Richard P. Shipley)

INVENTORY NO. AL-II-A-066

265/539

DATE: 10/13/76

163.A

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Messick Log

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 1/2^{mi} East of Wilson Rd.

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: southeast

NAME OF OWNER: Howard Messick 722-3936

ADDRESS: Rt. 1

Elmstons

STORIES: 1() 2(☒) 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3(☒) 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular) "T" shape

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- (☒) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?) novelty siding
() BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
() STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
(☒) LOG
() Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS _____

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2(☒) 6/6(☒) 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged (☒) nailed() wide () narrow () mitred () pediment ()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: south, east

HARDWARE: original() replaced()

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)
original() replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze, Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, FORMERS #

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced(☒)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip(☒) gable(☒)

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK() STONE(☒) slate CORBELED() original(☒) replaced()

LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end(☒) Central() Interior ()

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - Residence

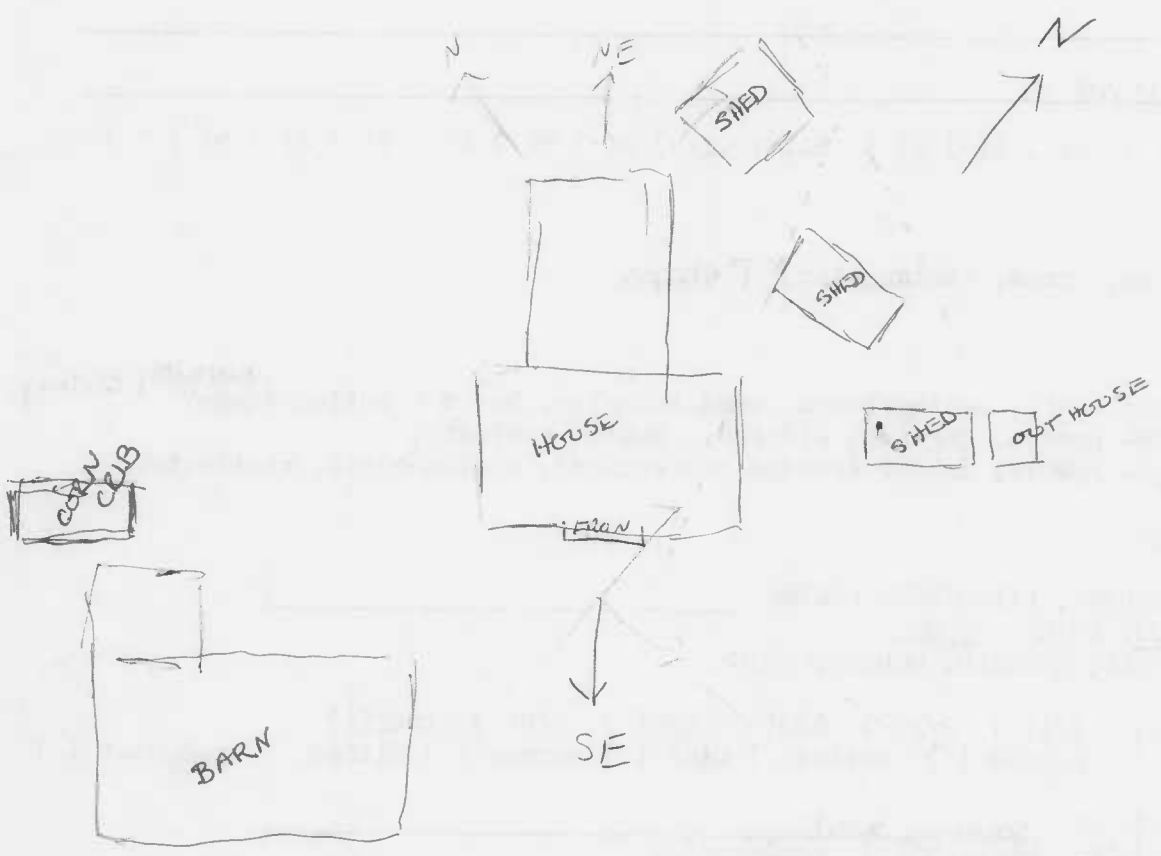
Significance - Arch

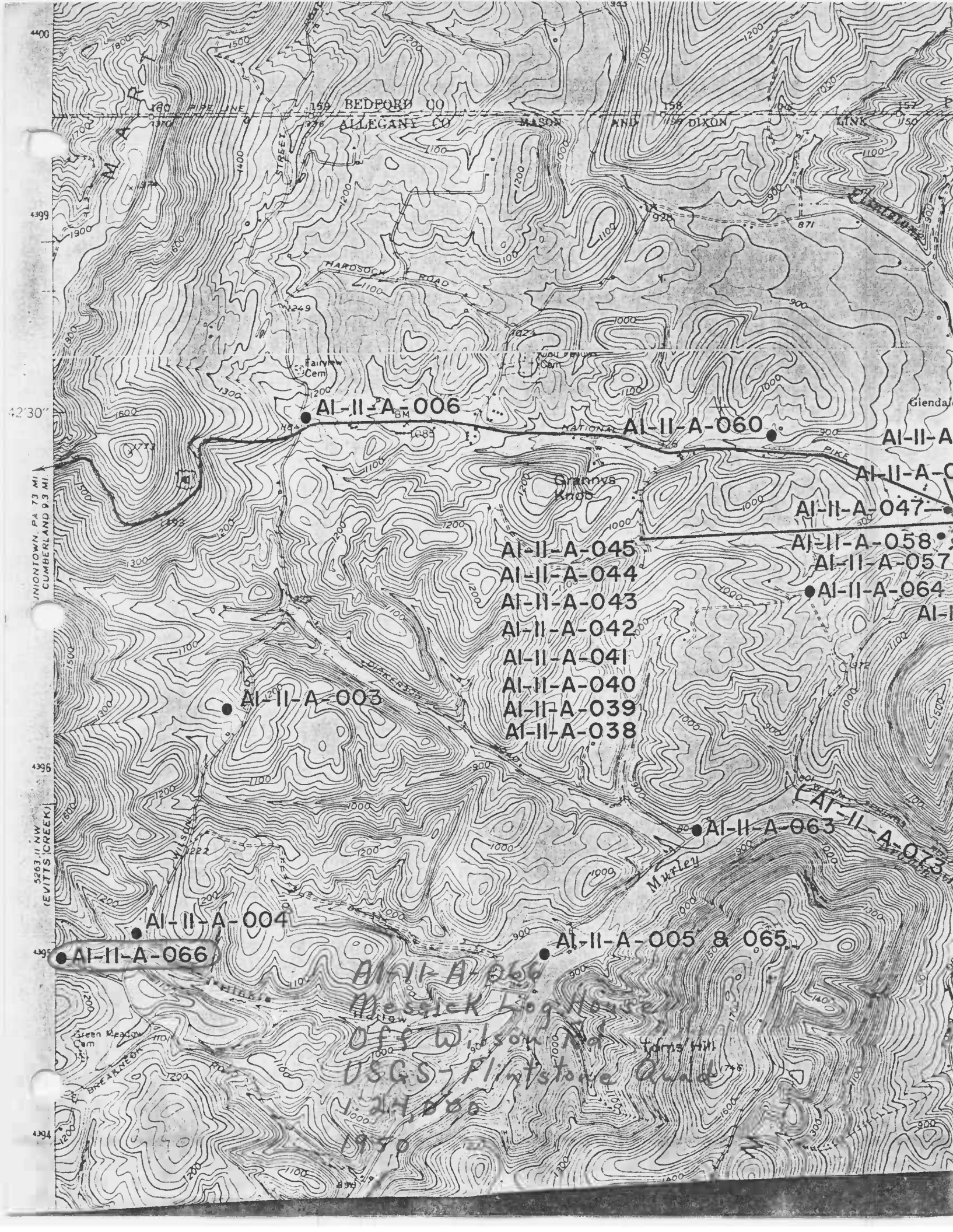
Date Constructed - 1775-1783

Condition - Good

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UNIONTOWN, PA 7.3 MI
CUMBERLAND 9.3 MI

5263 II NW
(EVITT'S CREEK)

4304

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AI-II-A-040
AI-II-A-039
AI-II-A-038

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Mestick Log House
Off Wilson Rd
USGS Flintstone Quad
1950

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AI-II-A-064
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Northside - with
original stone
Chimney



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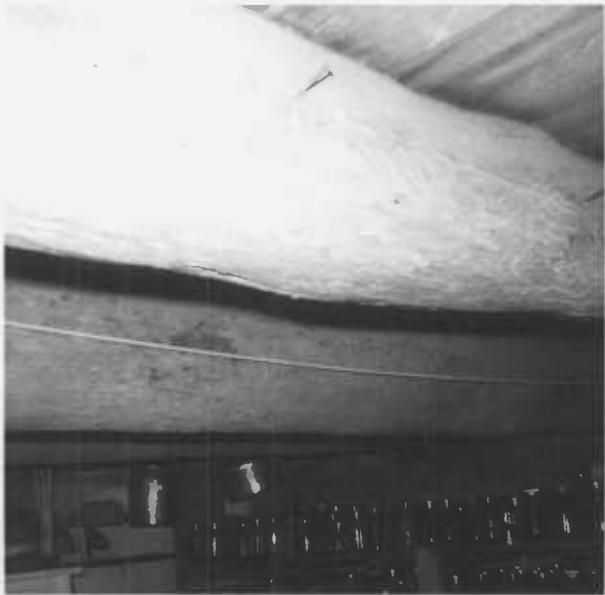
Log Beams - old stone
Foundation of log
section



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Front



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Log Beams in
basement



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Bank Barn

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MESSICK LOG HOUSE

1/2 mile EAST of Wilson Rd.

John Nelson

10/13/76

Southwest



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MESSICK LOG HOUSE

1/2 mile EAST OF WILSON Rd.

JOHN NELSON

~~SECTOR~~ NORTHWEST

10/13/76

Black Smith
Shop



← old
Summer kitchen
with old stone
chimney

(map 9) Capt. George Robbinette's Log House
(Howard Messick Farm)

Picture taken in early 1900's —

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